

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 16, 19, 22, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33, 35, 37, 39 and 41 are pending in the present application. Claims 16, 19, 22, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33, 35, 37, 39 and 41 are amended and Claims 1-15, 17, 18, 20, 21, 23, 24, 26, 28, 30, 32, 34, 36, 38, 40 and 42 are canceled by the present amendment.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 1-15, 17, 18, 20, 21, 23, 24, 26, 28, 30, 32, 34, 36, 38, 40 and 42 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,578,066 to Logan et al. (herein "Logan") in view of "RFC 2182" by Elz et al. (herein "Elz"); and Claims 16, 19, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33, 35, 37, 39 and 41 are indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form. Further, as the Office Action Summary indicates only an objection to Claim 22 and that claim is not rejected, Applicants assume that Claim 22 is also indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form.

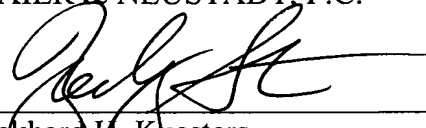
Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter, and accordingly, Claims 16, 19, 22, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33, 35, 37, 39 and 41 are amended to be in independent form, including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims, as suggested in the Office Action. In light of that amendment, Claims 1-15, 17, 18, 20, 21, 23, 24, 26, 28, 30, 32, 34, 36, 38, 40 and 42 are canceled without disclaimer or prejudice.

Thus, it is respectfully submitted that independent Claims 16, 19, 22, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33, 35, 37, 39 and 41 are allowable.

Consequently, in light of the above discussion and in view of the present amendment, the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance and an early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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